

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment the Claims under consideration are 1-10 and 12-26. Claim 11 has been cancelled hereby and its subject matter moved into amended Claim 1. Claims 7, 9, 12 and 14 have been amended to obviate §112 rejections. Claim 27 was withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 11 and 13 stand objected to but are indicated as allowable if rewritten. Claim 12 is indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection. Claims 17-26 are indicated as allowable. The Detailed Action of 02 July 2004 will now be addressed with reference to the headings and any paragraph numbers therein.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 112

Per paragraph 3 of the Detailed Action, Claims 7, 9, 12 and 14 stand rejected as indefinite. Claims 7, 9, and 14 have been amended to remove the phrase “side panel web” and substitute the phrase “side panel.” Claim 12 has been amended to substitute “the first and the cooperating fasteners” for the complained of phrase “the first and second fasteners.” All §112 rejections are believed to be obviated.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102

Per paragraph 5 of the Detailed Action, Claims 1-5, 8-9, and 14-16 stand rejected as anticipated by Nease et al. (U.S. Patent 5,580,411, hereinafter Nease). Claim 11, indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been incorporated into Claim 1 in order to obviate the present rejections.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103

Per paragraph 7 of the Detailed Action, Claim 6 stands rejected as obvious over Nease. Claim 6, as dependent from amended Claim 1 and incorporating all limitations thereof, is now believed to be placed in condition for allowance.

Per paragraph 8, of the Detailed Action, Claim 10 stands rejected as obvious over Nease in view of Davis (US patent 4,568,342). Claim 10, as dependent from amended Claim 1 and incorporating all limitations thereof, is now believed to be placed in condition

for allowance.

Per paragraph 9 of the Detailed Action, Claims 1-9 and 14-16 stand rejected as obvious over Wada (WO reference 84/04242) in view of Nease. Claim 11, indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been incorporated into Claim 1 in order to obviate the present rejections. Claims 2-9 and 14-16, as dependent from amended Claim 1 and incorporating all limitations thereof, are now believed to be placed in condition for allowance.

Per paragraph 10 of the Detailed Action, Claim 10 stands rejected as obvious over Wada in view of Nease and further in view of Davis. Claim 10, as dependent from amended Claim 1 and incorporating all limitations thereof, is now believed to be placed in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting

Per paragraph 12 of the Detailed Action, Claims 1-10 and 14 stand rejected for non-statutory obviousness type double patenting in view of claims 1-30 of US patent 6,635,135 and claims 1-18 of US patent 6,652,696. Claim 1 has now been amended by including the subject matter of Claim 11. Therefore, the present rejection is believed to have been obviated.

Per paragraph 13 of the Detailed Action Claims 15-16 stand rejected for non-statutory obviousness type double patenting “over claims 1-30 of US patent 6,635,135 or US patent 6,652,696 in view of conventional art.” Claims 15 and 16 are dependent from amended Claim 1 and incorporate all limitations thereof. Therefore, the present rejection is believed to have been obviated.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, the Claims as presently amended are believed to be allowable over the art of record. Applicants believe that the present amendment has complied with or obviated all formal requirements necessary to place the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

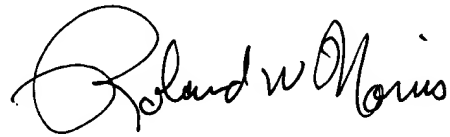
Request For Telephonic Interview

Clearly, there are differences between the present invention and the cited reference(s) involving patentable subject matter. These differences are believed by the

Applicants to be properly defined in the present Claims. The Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney (per the provisions of M.P.E.P. §713) to discuss any further problems or suggest solutions in defining the present invention in order to expedite the case towards allowance before issuing a final Office Action.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland W. Norris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roland" being more prominent.

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